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THE Clause for hindering Foreign Bottoms sold by Government, and others, to British Subjects, having the Bounty in the Bill brought into the House for the Encouragement of the Whale Fishery, strikes at the Root of Trade, and must materially injure a great Number of His Majesty's Subjects, who have purchased of Government, since the late War, a Number of Sloops of War, which were captured from the Enemy, and then sold as British Ships, in consequence of, and bought under the Sanction of the Navigation Act of the 26th of His present Majesty, many of which have been almost totally rebuilt by the different Ship Builders of this Kingdom, for the Merchants Service, and are now employed in various Trades, those Ships being fine sailing Bodies, and fit for any Employ wherein Dispatch is required.

If the Honourable House should pass the above Clause, it will, of Consequence, make those Ships, that Government shall hereafter sell, not worth a Quarter Part what they would otherwise sell for.

It is hoped the House will take the said Clause into Consideration, and provide, That such of his Majesty's Subjects, who have bought Prize Ships of Government, and have obtained British Registers for them, may be continued in the same Privileges that they at present enjoy: If not, it will materially injure the Owners, who are now in Possession of such Ships, and will operate very much, as a Check, to the fitting out Vessels for the Fisheries, and consequently to the Decrease of British Seamen.

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A Bill to amend the Act in relation to the Prize Ships of Government, and to provide for the sale of the same, and for the payment of the bounty thereon, and for other purposes.

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, February 22, 1862.

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